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AFL Disaster Preparedness Survey Starts

Preliminary surveys of personnel and mobile equipment supplies available to the Disaster Committee of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas have been started with unions sent comprehensive questionnaires to be filled out and returned, according to Council Secretary Alfred J. Clark.

Instruction sheets with the questionnaires list the type of information desired, and the instructions are reprinted here as a service to union members and others interested in the disaster preparedness program:

Phones: List all phones available at point of assembly. If you have more than one telephone available designate what phone number you want placed on direct wire. A telephone on direct wire is one that the telephone company cuts out all calls except the central control phone, therefore the headquarters of the Disaster Committee would be the only party able to make contact or be connected on these direct wire connections.

Assembly Point: The assembly point is the place selected by you for assembly of your unit members in case of call. It should be a place outside of the business or industrial area, easily accessible by all modes of travel and must have at least one available telephone. Preferably a place with adequate parking space.

Assistant Coordinator: The assistant coordinator should be a member familiar in all branches of his trade, with a complete knowledge of available mobile equipment. He or she will assemble, in case of call, at the headquarters of the Disaster Committee. He will coordinate the activities of his unit and be held responsible therefore. He shall organize both personnel and the mobile equipment. He may delegate any of the powers of his office to any other member of his unit or organization. In case of call he will control his unit from the disaster headquarters.

Second Assistant Coordinator: The second assistant coordinator should meet all the requirements of the unit coordinator and be prepared to take over his duties if his services are not available.

Unit Crews: In listing the crews the questionnaire calls for crews of ten, however, in some cases such as welders, the motorcycle corps and others, the crews may be set up in twos or threes, with or without helpers or even individually. This setup is entirely at the discretion of the unit coordinator.

In setting up the crew members list them in rotation as to their experience and ability to lead, the most capable man as foreman, next best as assistant foreman, next in line crewman No. 1 and so on. This is necessary in order that we may develop an automatic stepup plan in case of the inability of any leader to be present.

Special Qualifications: Under the question on special qualifications list any special training that the volunteer may have that would be useful in disaster work; such as tunnel work, heavy timbering, shoring, safety training, first aid and etc., or any other craft that he may follow other than the one for which he volunteers.

The wag in the shop observed the other day that the true curse of liquor is that it costs too much.

War Means Money To Profiteers Who Jack Up Price Tags

Wayne Morse (R., Ore.) told the Senate Aug. 30 how the profiteers operate. He related a story told him by a department store clerk: "I was told this morning by a very humble but patriotic . . . American citizen who has been working in a department store . . . that very recently she was assigned the job of marking up the price on a quantity of women's dresses.

"The dresses had been purchased for the fall trade last April and May. They were delivered for the fall trade to the store in July and August.

"They were then marked so that the tags would be on them when they were moved onto the floor for the fall trade.

"When first marked one large quantity of dresses was marked \$29.75 per dress. A few days ago the manager of the store told her (the clerk) that they would have to be re-marked by upping the price \$10 per dress. . . .

"These dresses were bought last spring at fixed prices last spring and paid for last spring. . . . However, he (the manager) ordered a \$10 increase, apparently in order to take advantage of this inflationary spiral, which has started upward so fast since the Korean war started.

"She (the clerk) said, 'Senator, I was only part way through with the marking when he (the manager) came back to me and said, 'You have to start over again and mark them up another \$5.'"

—(LLPE)

Fish Cannery To Elect in October

Annual election of officers for Fish Cannery Workers Union of Monterey will be held in October, during the "light of the moon," around October 25, the union announced last week. Nominations will be accepted at the union's meeting next Monday night, Secretary Roy Humbracht said.

During the past week there have been few sardines caught by the AFL fishing crews but a large quantity of mackerel has been brought in, requiring some plants to put on two shifts, Humbracht added. Most of the members of the Fish Cannery Workers Union have been working.

Layoff Hits IBEW

Some 25 union electricians were laid off at the Stone & Webster project for Pacific Gas & Electric Co. last week, according to Business Manager Karl Ozols of Salinas Electrical Workers Union 243. Most of the men took traveling cards to other areas where work is more plentiful for the craft, Ozols added.

Picnic Nov. 7

Annual barbecue and outing of members and friends of Bartenders Union 545 of Salinas will be held on General Election day, November 7, Union Secretary Alfred J. Clark reports. The union was to select committees to make arrangements at this week's meeting (Monday), he added.

In a little town in Virginia, Mountville, it is said that 90 per cent of all animal whips are made. These range from the 65-foot circus lash to the small riding crops used by the "horsey" set. Admiral Richard E. Byrd, the cowboy star, Roy Rogers, and Barnum & Bailey's Circus are a few of the distinguished customers of the little town's whip factory.

TEMOS REPORT ON CONTRACTS, MEET OCT. 5

Settlements recently won by General Teamsters Union 890 of Monterey County in contract negotiations were reported by the union last week in the latest information bulletin to the membership.

Local 890 will resume regular meetings starting October 5 with the meeting at Salinas Moose Hall. The Monterey meeting is October 12. Meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month at Salinas, the second Thursday at Monterey.

Contracts recently stilled include: Van and Storage Industry agreement, strike settled, 7½ cents per hour increase, four paid holidays. Salinas lumber agreement, 7½ cents increase.

Box and shoo company agreement, 7½ cents, 3 paid holidays.

The union announced that the fluid milk industry in Monterey County now is 100 per cent union insofar as the Teamsters Union is concerned.

Starting with January, the union will issue the new "truck" membership dues pins, it was announced.

School, Stores In Salinas Area Slated to Start

Construction of a \$600,000 junior high school and of a new five-store business building on South Main St. in Salinas area will begin shortly, providing added work for union laborers and others, according to representatives of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas.

Office Secretary Lillian Johnson of Local 272 who, along with Union President Randolph Fenchel and Secretary John F. Mattos, is helping keep up the work of Business Agent J. B. McGinley, currently on sick leave, said all members of Local 272 are employed at present but that the new projects would give added work as current jobs are completed.

The new school will include one-story classrooms to house students at the Sacred Heart junior high school, now on West Market St. The new building will be on West Romie Lane. This project is due for completion by September, 1951. Plans are not yet completed.

Fronting on South Main St. for 250 feet, the new business building is expected to be ready by April 1. Local independent merchants are expected to lease quarters in the five-store unit, which is being erected by C. L. Vertin and J. J. McDill, of Salinas.

ART, CRAFT SHOW AT SAN JUAN OCT. 7

The semi-annual Arts and Crafts Show will be held at San Juan Bautista's Zanetta House, October 7 and 8. Entries are expected to include paintings, ceramics, carvings, jewelry, sculpture, weaving, block and textile prints, metal works, needleworks, and other such items. There is no age or residence requirement and persons interested in entering the show should write to San Juan Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 52, San Juan Bautista, for entry blanks.

AFL Gives Iron Lung

Manitowoc, Wis.—There was no Labor Day picnic at Manitowoc. The AFL Central Labor Council spent its picnic money for an iron lung which it presented to the city fire department.

AFL Bares Soviet's Harsh Labor Rules

By ARNOLD BEICHMAN

New York Correspondent of AFL News Service

The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions has submitted to the United Nations Economic and Social Council a document bristling with charges of violations of trade union and workers' rights by the Soviet Union.

A report of these violations, based on Soviet publications and documents was submitted in Geneva, Switzerland, by Miss Toni Sender, ICFTU representative, to the UN Council. It is expected that a full-dress debate at the next session of the group will occur on the basis of these accusations.

The report just received here by the AFL News Service is a mass of detailed information—with dates, places and names—about the slave labor conditions extant in the Soviet Union. Here are some of the report's highlights:

Trade unions in the Soviet Union since 1932 have not called a convention. In 1934, the practice of fixing wage rates and working conditions by collective bargaining was discontinued. Since then, wages in the USSR have been determined by Soviet government agencies.

In 1947, the idea of collective agreements was reintroduced—but in name only, since such currently negotiated agreements in the Soviet Union exclude wages and working conditions.

Trade Unions in the Soviet Union are directly under the thumb of the communist party. The ICFTU report quotes a statement from the Soviet magazine Trud (April 20, 1949) by V. V. Kuznetsov, chairman of the Central Council of Soviet Trade Unions, that "in all their activities the trade unions unrelentingly follow the directives of Lenin and Stalin on the role of trade unions."

The ordinary Soviet laborer is as tied to his machine as if he were chained to it. Surrounded by laws which inhibit free choice of job, hedged about by regulations which bar movement from one job to a better job, he faces drastic penalties for the most trivial offenses.

One decree June 26, 1940, declared that no worker could leave his job or apply for another job without the consent of his employer. A worker found guilty of such offense faces imprisonment up to 4 months. A worker employed in a munitions factory who is found guilty of the same offense can go to prison for as high as 8 years.

The Soviet government has published a work called Model Rules for Workers. According to Section 21, disciplinary penalties are visited upon any worker "who is late in coming to work without valid reason, or leaving his work to go to lunch too early, or late in re-

turning after lunch time or slacking during working hours." This provision applies only to those less than 20 minutes late. Anybody more than 20 minutes late is liable to criminal prosecution.

There are special regulations regarding "the material liability of workers for damages" and losses of plant property for which they are made responsible. Management has a unilateral right to deduct from wages specific sums as compensation for losses and damages attributed to the workers. This is from the Official Textbook of Soviet Labor Law, pages 284 to 297. Workers have to pay 5 times the value of the actual loss if any raw materials, partly processed or manufactured goods, tools, working clothes and other factory property entrusted to them, are lost or damaged because of their negligence.

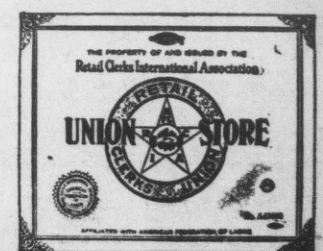
The individual worker has no control or bargaining power in determining his wage. His foreman decides that, based on an official handbook which classifies various jobs and the corresponding wage category.

Mildred Putman Takes Vacation

Office Secretary Mildred Putman, who serves for Culinary Alliance 467 and for Retail Clerks Union 839 in their joint offices in the Glikbarg Building at Salinas, was enjoying a week of vacation this week.

Mrs. Putman was on a trip to Los Angeles area to visit friends and relatives. She is due back next Monday. During her absence, Secretaries Bertha Boles of Local 467 and Garold Miller of Local 839 are sharing the office work.

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Prices Get Big Boost in 2 Months

Sen. Joe O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) showed the Senate August 25 how prices have increased since the Korean war started June 24. "I have a little table here which shows what the price increases have been since the Korean outbreak," O'Mahoney said. "The whole sale price index on all commodities for June 20 was 157.1 per cent; for August 15 it was 165 per

cent, an increase of 7.9 points.

"Farm products went from 166.2 to 170.4, an increase of 5.2 points. Food products went up from 162.5 to 174.2, an increase of 11.7 points.

"All commodities other than farm food products went up from 148.3 to 154.2, an increase of 5.9 points."

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Defense Needs More Apprentices

(State Fed. Release)

The defense effort is going to "multiply many of the problems" of apprentice training in the construction industry, delegates to the 34th Convention of the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Finishers' International Association, AFL, were told in St. Louis, Missouri, this week.

Explaining apprenticeship's part in the defense program, Director W. F. Patterson of the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Apprenticeship said that additional effort on the part of the members of the construction industry would be necessary if they hoped to "preserve the high level of their craft skills."

Patterson went on to explain that much of the "leg work" previously done by the staff of the Bureau of Apprenticeship to aid in establishing apprentice training programs in the construction trades would now have to be re-directed to crafts needing immediate expansion in light of the national defense program.

Warning that the needs of the military perhaps would draw heavily on members of the construction crafts for manpower and that the future supply of youth for apprenticeship would not be so plentiful because of selective service, Patterson called upon 3239 local joint construction industry apprenticeship committees, made up of 20,000 volunteer representatives of labor and management, to increase their activities and concentrate on the expansion of facilities for training.

Social Security Is Aid to Businessmen

Does a good social security system help businessmen? It sure does.

Social security pensions now are paid at the annual rate of \$800 million. Under the new social security law the pensions are expected to total more than \$2 billion a year.

Where does all that money go? The checks, of course, are mailed to retired men and women each month. The retired people spend the money at the grocery store, in department stores or to pay the landlord. It all goes to businessmen in the end.

With retired folk set to get two and a half times more in pensions each year, businessmen soon will notice a fattening of their pocket-books too. —(LLPE)

President Signs New Social Security Law

On August 28, President Truman signed into law the Social Security Act of 1950.

Those words may look cold on paper, but they bring warmth to 10 million more workers who will be covered by Social Security. It means large increases in benefits to those already receiving pensions.

The law is the first improvement in the social security program since 1939. It's the act trade unionists have been working for. It's a big step forward to assure people a decent living standard.

Extended coverage brings about 45 million people under the social security plan. For the first time the law covers 5 million self-employed such as grocers, barbers and gas station operators, and 1 million domestic servants and farm workers.

Beginning October 1 those now receiving social security checks will get an average pension of \$46 monthly instead of the present \$26. At least 3 million people are affected by the increase.

The bill does not provide benefits for disabled workers. And it includes a provision that weakens unemployment insurance. But it is an improvement over the old law anyway. Remember the way to more good laws is to vote November 7 for liberal candidates.

Here It Is! The GOP War Strategy

The following report in the September 1 Wall Street Journal, the businessman's Daily Worker, explains why Republican leaders in Congress all of a sudden want controls:

"A break in Republican ranks has insured passage of wage and price control powers, even though the President isn't asking for them. "Some Republicans voted for such controls to put Mr. Truman and the Democrats between the devil and the deep blue sea. They figure if prices are regulated, black markets will flourish and red tape will rile businessmen and consumers. If prices aren't held down, living costs may creep up, and the Administration will be blamed for that."

In other words, it's not the North Korean Communists the Congressional GOP is shooting at. It's Mr. Truman.

Pretty picture, isn't it?—(LLPE)

How Come?

Why should food gamblers not have to make as big down payments as stock gamblers?

Cash deposits—or "margins"—of as little as 10 per cent of the price of a farm product are required on commodity exchanges. But speculation on the stock exchange requires a 50 per cent margin.

On August 10 the House pushed through an amendment by Harold Cooley (D., N. C.) to prevent the President from keeping speculation in commodities to a minimum. Frances Bolton, Harold McGregor and Alvin Weichel—all Ohio Republicans—switched their votes after the House had voted, but before the result was announced, in favor of the gamblers.

The big Washington lobby of the grain dealers put the heat on their boys in the House. But their boys in the House never have explained why it is all right to make stock market gamblers put up 50 per cent margin and wrong to make commodity market gamblers put up only 10 per cent. —(LLPE)

Reactionary Editor: "Do you think I should put more fire into my editorials?"

Reader: "Vice versa."

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101 Congressmen Sign Petition for Excess Profits Tax

Is the excess profits tax dead for this year? Absolutely not!

There's still a very good chance that the House can pass an excess profits tax before it adjourns. One hundred and one Representatives—almost one fourth of the House—have signed a petition stating:

"We, the undersigned, are unwilling to adjourn until action is taken to reimpose the excess profits tax which was suspended in 1945."

The petition, being circulated by Rep. Walter Huber (D., Ohio), continues:

"The excess profits tax... should be imposed now for it is now that men are dying on the battlefield... it is now that unprecedented corporate profits are being realized."

The Senate Sept. 1 beat 42-36 an excess profits tax. On the same day Senators approved the big tax bill increasing your income taxes to World War II levels and also increasing corporation taxes.

That measure still has to be acted on by the House. When it comes up in the House, probably this week, Congressmen who want an excess profits tax undoubtedly will try to write it into the tax bill.

Of the 101 Congressmen who have signed Huber's petition for an immediate excess profits tax, all but three are Democrats. Check over the list to see whether your Congressman is on it.

California—Douglas, Doyle, Engle, Havenner, King, Shelley, White.

"As the earth is round," remarked a lecturer the other day, "it is obvious that we could go east by going far enough west."

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BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Sec.-Bus. Agt., Al J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633. Pres., Virgil K. Knight, office 117 Pajaro St. Phone 4633.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove. Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone Mont. 2-3002. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, Salinas office, 274 East Alisal, phone 2-1603; Monterey office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6744.

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CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:30 p.m. and 4th Monday at 8:00 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Alan Meeks; Sec., Bertha Boles. Office, Ghikbarg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., phone 6209.

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ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derry; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christensen, Rm. 463, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 3004 16th St., San Francisco, phone UNDERhill 1-1135.

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LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. Fenchel, 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6393. Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., J. B. McNalley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Bengel, Hilby St., Monterey. Sec., Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson St., Salinas, phone 2-2906. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, office 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-1603.

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MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Alex Day, res. 611 Doss Ave., phone 2-3775. Fin. Sec., L. W. Parker, 1429 Wren St., phone Salinas 9494.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Walter Ebel, 530 Park St., phone 2-2984. Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 1115 Juanita Blvd. Fin. Sec. and B. A., Peter A. Greco, 417 Lincoln Ave. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 8783.

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PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'n's Union)—Meets 3rd Monday of month at Salinas at 8 p.m. Pres., Harry Wingard 950 Colton, Monterey; Sec.-Treas., Robert P. Meders, 151 Toro Ave., Salinas.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Charles Smith, Box 703, Monterey. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 831 Beach St., Salinas, phone 2-3366. Office, 6 W. Gabilan St., Room 1, phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 106 Irving, Monterey, phone 3014; Sec.-Treas., John Murphy, 616 Elm St., Rt. 1, Monterey.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Castroville and Watsonville. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, Pacific Grove, phone Monterey 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec. Ray Opler, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

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Charge for Meat as Much as You'll Pay

Washington (LPA).—You can look forward to meat prices as high as the traffic will bear. And Agriculture Department statisticians predict that will be plenty high. Witnesses from four big packing companies, Wilson, Swift, Cudahy, and Armour, admitted as much Sept. 7 and 8 in hearings before a Senate subcommittee. The packers were arguing that price controls are not needed for meats. Their reason: its a supply and demand industry and they charge what they can get. Thrifty housewives, they said, would refuse to pay too much—and that would keep the price down better than controls.

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Corporation Profits Jump

(State Fed. Release)

Since 1945 corporate profits, after taxes, have increased 120 per cent. In that same five-year, postwar period, individual incomes, after taxes, have gone up only 19 per cent.

Citing these facts from the mid-1950 report of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch points out in an editorial published August 20:

"Americans aren't broke . . . and they expect to shoulder a new tax burden to finance the war in Korea and the enlarged defense effort.

"But they have a right to expect that corporations also shall pay their share—not next year, not in 1952, but now."

The Post-Dispatch continues, "The rise in individual incomes has been largely illusory, thanks to the steadily rising cost of living."

At a fashionable wedding, the bridegroom noticed that one of the guests looked rather glum.

"Have you kissed the bride?" he asked, pleasantly.

"Not lately," replied the guest with a faraway look in his eyes.

Teacher: "This essay on 'Our Dog' is word for word the same as your sorority sister's."

Girl: "Yes, sir, it's the same dog."

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EDITORIALS

HIGH RENT GOUGING

There is probably no other state in the union where the landlord element stands so ready to gouge helpless tenants to the hilt of what the traffic will bear as in California. On top of this, the people now having to have roofs over their heads, even though they do not own homes, are so unfortunate as to have made the mistake of electing a governor who is so completely on the side of the landlords that he has not been known to delay giving his sanction and approval to resolutions passed by local subdivisions in favor of removing rent controls, as provided in the latest federal rent control law.

As a result of this convenient loophole for getting out from under the federal rent control law Los Angeles, Oakland and other California cities are junking rent controls entirely. In Oakland, where the landlord element succeeded in recalling a local councilman because he favored a housing program to relieve the terrific shortage of housing in this city, the City Council voted to do away with rent controls and promptly got the necessary approval of the governor. Then came the announcement that rents were to be increased in the Oakland area to the extent of 25 per cent, and San Francisco is talking about doing likewise. Although our country is at war that makes no difference here.

All this has been going on at the same time that billboards and numerous political henchmen scream that Earl Warren has been a "good governor," but fail to state that it is the landlords and big business that he has been so consistently good to.

WARREN NOT SO GOOD

With the daily press almost solidly boosting for Governor Warren, the chief slogan used is the same as was heard everywhere four years ago, namely that "He has been a good governor."

This "good governor" claim does not stand up so well when subjected to a little close scrutiny. It was this same governor who cut the appropriations made by the Legislature for California schools, in spite of our desperate need for more school facilities in this rapidly growing state, thus helping to make the bond issue, drawing interest, which was voted for schools at our recent special election, a necessity.

It was Earl Warren who double-crossed our senior citizens by eventually helping to defeat nearly everything the pension groups asked for, after he had promised them everything before he was elected governor. Labor unions, too, got their share of the double-cross.

It was this same Warren who made three separate attempts to get his pet gas tax bill passed by the Legislature, and finally succeeded on the third attempt. As a result of that act, users of gasoline in all California have been paying six cents a gallon more for every gallon of gasoline they have bought since then, while the state received only two cents a gallon extra tax. Thus the oil companies gained four cents a gallon on the deal at the same time they promptly passed the extra tax on to us, the consumers.

Many other performances of the present governor likewise prove he is not so good as he is cracked up to be.

Now that the time for registering is over and more than two million California voters have lost their right to vote next November 7 by failing to get registered, let those who are registered get good and busy lining up those who can vote for the candidates endorsed by the Labor League for Political Education, especially James Roosevelt, for Governor; Helen Gahagan Douglas, for U. S. Senator, and Pat Brown for Attorney General.

We must elect Congressmen who will vote for repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, and we must elect a Governor who will appoint judges who will be fair to labor and the public, when elevated to the bench. Get all the people you can to see things this way. Don't be satisfied with your own vote alone. Become a crusader and talk to others about it. Help pile up the vote for the candidates endorsed by labor!

Only hard and conscientious campaigning can win the coming election for the candidates endorsed by labor. Have you been doing your bit in this regard? If not, start now—and keep it up till the polls close November 7th.

THE ASSEMBLY LINE

By BILL DAVY
For Labor Press Association

LABOR JOE SEZ:

One thing this country is suffering from is too much 1c tobacco in 5c cigars.

The weaker sex is the strongest sex because of the weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex.
—The Lincoln

The children were in the midst of a free-for-all. "Richard, who started this?" asked the father as he came into the room.
"Well, it all started when David hit me back."
—Martin Agronsky, ABC broadcast

"Why do you cry over the troubles of people in whom you have no interest, when you go to the theater?" her husband asked.
"I don't know. Why do you cheer wildly when a man with whom you are not acquainted slides into second base?" she replied.

Winter Resort: A place where no one knows how unimportant you are at home.
—Hudson Newsletter

There's a man of great vision,
Who carves with precision;
His slices grow thinner and thinner.
He's the bane of our life,
That man with the knife.
We hate and admire the sinner
Who slices the turkey
That covers the dressing
That goes with an 85-cent dinner.
—Maxine

Proverb, as slightly edited for an H-bomb age: The road to hell is paved with good inventions.
—Sen. Soaper in the Chicago News

Now we have Spongefoot Kilrain, the old come early delegate, who always sits in the front row and seconds all motions. Sponge says he notes that the early fish gets hooked for the same thing the early bird gets credit for.

From a report of a council meeting in Ottawa, Ill., Daily Republican-Times: "Moved by Commissioner Doherty that the report of E. T. Burke, Fire Chief, be approved and placed on fire."

If television makes home lessons impossible, the lessons must be brought to television. Thus in physiology the winning wrestler might remark, "The cracking sound you hear is this fellow's clavicle."
—Sen. Soaper in the Chicago News

What some of the people in this country need is more soap and less perfume.

—Eb Caters in the Mud Run-Ohio-Scorpion

Canvasser: "If you can spare me five minutes sir, I can show you how to earn twice the money you are now getting."

Sad man: "I do that now."
—Call Workman

EASY DOES IT

Pastor from the pulpit: "My friends, we have made an honest effort to raise sufficient money, but we have failed. Now the ladies are going to hold a bazaar."
—The Furrow

Jane asked the noted lecturer on manners to define "poise."

After thinking a moment, the lecturer explained, "Poise is the art of raising an eyebrow instead of the roof."

Sing a sad song
For Ambrose Dote
Too lazy—too tired
To register and vote.

The world's leading producer of silver, Mexico, is second, only to the United States in the production of cadmium—a metal utilized in electroplating, manufacture of bearings, solders, pigments and chemicals.

Green Pledges Full Defense Aid

(AFL Release)

Chicago.—Facing more than a hundred thousand cheering workers jammed into Soldiers Field, AFL President William Green keynoted the nation's Labor Day celebrations with a ringing, patriotic pledge of "full support" to the government in defense of freedom.

"Our army of production at home must stand and fight with the military forces abroad until the victory over communism is clearly and decisively won," he told the greatest Labor Day rally in American history.

"The working men and women serving on the home front will never falter, compromise or stop until the forces which seek to place the United States behind the Iron Curtain are decisively defeated."

NEVER SURRENDER

"We will never surrender to communism or appease totalitarianism. There are no strings attached to our loyalty. Labor asks for no special favors. It seeks no profit from the national emergency. We know we have a job to do and we are determined to do it, come what may."

Mr. Green warned labor throughout the nation that an all-out defense program is absolutely necessary because the "international communist conspiracy is determined to dominate and control the entire world by any means, including a third world war."

He assailed the political torie and reactionary big business interests for their shortsighted failure to realize that free American workers are the backbone and the most loyal defenders of the free enterprise system.

Reminding labor's enemies that "toryism breeds communism," Mr. Green insisted that the workers of this country will demand and obtain equal freedom of enterprise with business.

MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION

The road to that goal, the AFL leader told his record-breaking audience, is a full vote on Nov. 7. He said:

"To my mind, the coming congressional election is one of the most important in our national history. We must elect a Congress that will work as a team with the President in the prosecution of the defense program. In so doing, we must defeat those members of Congress whose record is replete with isolationism, obstructionism and toryism."

"Let me also emphasize that we must elect a Congress which will protect the interests of the American public and adopt a defense program based upon the principle of real equality of sacrifice. To do so, we must defeat incumbent members of Congress who have voted consistently to protect profiteers, to accord special tax privileges to the wealthy and to crack down on labor with legislation like the Taft-Hartley Act."

THEY OPPOSE CONTROLS

"Who are the strongest opponents in Congress of fair price controls, of adequate rent controls of decent minimum wages, of real social security? The record shows that they are the same tories, the same Dixiecrat-Republican coalition."

tionists, who have obstructed the President at every turn and have blocked every effort to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act.

"We must mobilize for the defense of everything we cherish. We must put first things first. We must marshal all our resources, all our strength and attain the highest degree of national unity for the great struggle ahead."

"Let us assure the American people on this Labor Day that we will live up to our responsibilities. Let us issue a clear warning to the communists that American workers will resist aggression and dictatorship to the last ounce of their strength."

"And let us all hereby resolve that we will do our duty as good trade unionists and good citizens by voting on Nov. 7 for the election of a new Congress which will revitalize America's victory spirit by restoring the freedom of the nation's workers."

Record Profits Are Reported

New York.—American corporations are piling up the lushest profits in history.

Even before the war-profiteering began, most companies had experienced the biggest six-months profits in their existence but still they moan about the wickedness of a wartime excess profits tax.

Latest reports show that the profits of Philco Corp. for the first 6 months of 1950 are 234 percent over the same period in 1949.

Goodyear profits were up 46 percent. B. F. Goodrich profits were up 39 percent.

Eastman Kodak reported profits up 21 percent on an increase in sales of less than 1 percent.

Western Union converted a loss of \$3,672,211 in the first six months of 1949 to a profit of \$3,206,300 for the first six months of 1950.

Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. reported a drop in sales for the 12 months ended May 31, 1950, but the earnings for the three months ended May 31 were the highest in its history. The figure was \$4,053,683, against the comparable period a year ago of \$2,769,209.

Food Fair Stores reported earnings of 61½ percent over last year.

Doctor: "What was the most you ever weighed?"

Sweet Young Thing: "A hundred and six."

Doc: "And what was the least?"

Sweet Young Thing: "Seven pounds, four ounces."

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4. Make certain that all members, their families and friends vote.
5. Urge each member to contribute financially and participate actively in all programs of Labor's League for Political Education.

GET OUT THE LABOR VOTE

Milwaukee, Wis.—The AFL United Auto Workers issued this poster to stimulate rank and file participation in the 1950 elections.

Business Must Pay Its Share of War

Working men and women are willing to do everything possible to win the Korean war—if businessmen put patriotism before profits too.

"I have talked to many labor people," Herbert Lehman (D., N. Y.), told the Senate August 28. "I know of no group in America which is more willing to do its part in the war effort than the representatives of labor and the workers . . .

"But I think that they want to be assured that capital will also be doing its full share, and that industry and business and commerce will be doing their full share too."

"The working people of this nation will not be satisfied unless we have an excess profits tax . . ."

Large deposits of limestone, useful in cement manufacture, have been located in Madras Province by the Geological Survey of India. Recent investigations also reveal that India also possesses large deposits of beryl, a strategic material. Beryl is useful in the manufacture of X-ray apparatus and as electrodes for neon rays and also for use in the atom-splitting cyclotron.



ATOM DEFENCE PLAN—Michelle Hildebrand examines tattooed blood-type marking on Sally Christian. The tattoos have been called for by Chicago's civilian defense committee. They would be very useful in treating casualties in the event of an atom bomb raid, medical authorities say. —(LPA)

Los Angeles Labor Plans War Policies

Los Angeles County AFL unions have adopted a strong stand in regard to the participation of union labor in the war effort and have joined together to form an AFL War Emergency Program. First meeting was held at the Alexandria hotel at the call of the Central Labor Council.

Purpose of the Emergency Committee will be to plan and recommend labor's participation in all war agencies or commissions which may be established affecting prices, materials, production, manpower, etc.

The Committee will be composed of representatives from all labor councils, industry, and department councils in the county.

Jobs Increase

Washington, D. C.—Job opportunities in manufacturing, food processing and most other types of non-agricultural employment continued to expand in August, resulting in further decreases in unemployment among workers in establishments covered by State unemployment insurance laws, the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security stated.

Bureau Director Robert C. Goodwin reported to Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin that new unemployment as represented by the number of persons filing initial claims dropped to 130,400 for the week ending August 26, while the volume of continued claims declined to 1,046,587. Continued claims reflect the number of individual claimants who had been unemployed for a full week.

GOP Miracle

"The so-called wage-price control bill adopted by the Senate (August 21) is a work of political art. When Sen. Taft votes for a control program, that's news; it also suggests that there is a vast joker in the plan. There is."

"With deft legislative hands the GOP conservatives achieved a miracle; they forced the adoption of an unsound, unworkable measure and they plan to spend the autumn denouncing Mr. Truman for his failure to invoke it."—New York Post editorial, August 23.

Green Lauds Carpenters' War Effort

(AFL Release)
Cincinnati—AFL President William Green told the 26th convention of the AFL United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners that "labor will not have to be drafted to defend America against the enemies of human freedom."

"We will gladly volunteer to make our country and the free world impregnable against the aggressive designs of the international communist conspiracy," he said.

He singled out the Carpenters' contribution in the last war, saying:

"During the last world war your organization and the other unions in the building trades accomplished miracles of construction and rendered the highest type of service to the nation. You recruited thousands of trained workers, built hundreds of new training camps, erected the equivalent of scores of new cities from the bare ground and constructed the huge atomic bomb plants—all in record time."

GREAT CONTRIBUTION

"Without the patriotic cooperation of the building trades unions of the American Federation of Labor, our country could not have transformed itself into the arsenal of democracy and won the war as soon as it did. Your contribution to victory saved thousands of American lives and spared the world even greater destruction."

"I know that you are now ready to do the job again, to serve America as faithfully as you did before, to render the highest possible service to put the defense program over the top."

Mr. Green listed reasons for immediate repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act in the new Congress and urged election of congressmen who will vote for repeal. He said:

"I say to you, as I have said to the leaders of our government, that the Taft-Hartley Act must be repealed at once in order to muster labor's full strength for the heavy tasks ahead."

"1. Our unions will find it difficult, if not impossible, to recruit the trained workers needed for defense projects because of the Taft-Hartley Act's prohibitions against union shop conditions."

"2. The Taft-Hartley Act will seriously interfere with organized labor's efforts to maintain the high degree of industrial peace necessary for full and uninterrupted production, because it gives anti-union employers unfair advantages."

"3. The Taft-Hartley Act will continue to tie up union machinery in litigation and proceedings before the National Labor Relations Board at a time when our organizations should be free to devote all their energies to furthering the defense program."

"For these reasons, I am convinced that repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act stands at the top of necessary congressional action to strengthen our nation and its workers for the job we have to do."

"However, there is no hope of obtaining repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act from the 81st Congress, which is dominated by a die-hard coalition of Dixiecrats and reactionary Republicans. They are too far gone in their mania against labor to see the light. They will never change their ways. We must change theirs. We must get rid of them at the next congressional election on Nov. 7."

"We have the votes to win."

Both Candidates for Governor Hit Prop. 10

Governor Warren says: "... a road-block . . . departure from representative government . . ."

James Roosevelt says: "Puts a straitjacket on local elected officials . . . sets a dangerous precedent."

Opposition to Proposition 10 is bi-partisan. Do not let the "trick" proposition fool anyone!

Big Boys Dodge \$1 Billion Taxes

(LLPE Release)
One billion dollars slipped through Uncle Sam's fingers when the Senate passed the tax bill September 1.

Democrat Senators Hubert Humphrey (Minn.) and Paul Douglas (Ill.) wanted Uncle Sam to get his hands on that big hunk of dough. But members of the Senate Republican-Dixiecrat bloc—men like Robert Taft (R. Ohio.), Eugene Millikin (R. Colo.), Walter George (D., Ga.) and Harry Byrd (D., Va.) said: No! No! No!

Uncle Sam will lose \$1 billion a year because Taft, Millikin, George & Co. don't want to seal up the big loopholes.

Who scampers through those loopholes, pulling huge bags of profits with them? Why, big business and its friends that's why Taft, Millikin and the rest of the boys didn't want the Senate to close those loopholes.

In one of the finest tax speeches ever made in the Senate, Humphrey explained the billion-dollar loopholes Aug. 29.

Here are some of the loopholes Humphrey exposed:

TAX-FREE DIVIDENDS

There is no withholding tax on dividends. Humphrey wanted to put one on. One billion dollars goes tax free annually because there is no such tax. But the Senate refused to follow Humphrey's suggestion.

That means every year according to Treasury Dept. estimates, the Government will continue to lose \$170 million in taxes. Why? People "forget" to report to the Treasury the dividends they get from corporations.

Contrast the special treatment given coupon clippers with the way the tax collector takes care of you. Your taxes are withheld from your wages by your employer. He, in turn, hands the money to Uncle Sam. If the Government can withhold your taxes, why shouldn't it withhold taxes on dividends?

PHONEY PARTNERSHIPS

By setting up fake partnerships many businessmen cut their taxes in half. There's the case of an accountant who made his year-old son a partner in his firm. The manufacturers of the Stanback headache remedy listed four children, 1, 8, 15 and 18 years old, partners in their business.

These smooth schemes mean plenty of dough to the big boys. A man with a net annual income of \$50,000 has to pay a tax of \$23,181. If that same man sets up a "partnership" and distributes his income among his wife and three children, his tax bill is only \$11,280.

The tax bill the Senate passed makes such goings-on perfectly legal.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES

Insurance companies are taxed under a formula different from one applying to most concerns. The last time the formula was revised was in 1942. But the thing went haywire and insurance companies haven't paid a cent in taxes since 1946.

The House passed a bill earlier this year which would have taxed the insurance companies \$50 million for 1947 and 1948. It also would have made certain the insurance industry would have to pay taxes in 1949, 1950 and the future.

But the bill the Finance Committee presented to the Senate eliminated the \$50 million tax for 1947 and 1948. This is no time to be handing the insurance companies a \$50 million gift. The Senate thought such a present was just fine.

CORPORATE SPIN-OFFS AND SPLIT-UPS

The words "spin-offs" and "split-ups" refer to devices used by corporations to reduce taxes paid by their stockholders. Dummy corporations are set up. Stock of existing companies is divided up among the fake concerns. People who own the stock have to pay much smaller taxes than they would if there were only one company. After taxes are paid, the fake corporations disappear.

THE OIL LOOPHOLE

Oil companies make much more money than other businesses be-

cause of the favored treatment they are given under the "depletion allowances" in tax legislation. The excuses for these allowances is this: An oil well can't be replaced like a piece of worn-out machinery. When all the oil is gone, the hole in the ground is worthless. But the allowances are way out of line. Because of the loophole, from 1943 through 1947 it was possible for one man to escape paying taxes on \$5 million he made in oil.

Bay District Record for Homebuilding

Despite credit curbs and rising materials prices and labor costs, home-builders in the six-county San Francisco-Oakland Metropolitan Area started an unprecedented 3700 new permanent non-farm dwelling units during July, Max D. Kossoris, Regional Director of the Western Region of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, reported this week.

The 3700 unit volume is the greatest on record for a single month in the area. It brought the total for the first seven months of the year to 18,800 units, more than 7500 above the figure for the same period last year, and only 1400 units short of the 20,220 total for the entire year of 1949. Although the speeded-up pace of building may result in a more than seasonal downturn later in the year, 1950 is certain to surpass 1949 and will probably exceed even the all-time peak year of 1925.

Included in the 3700 total were 234 units in San Francisco's publicly owned Ping Yuen housing project. Although permits for this project were issued last December, actual construction did not get under way until late in July.

Units covered by building permits were also up during the month and totaled 3376 for the six counties. The increase was general through the area, with only San Francisco showing a significant decline. Alameda County again topped the other five counties with authorizations for 1079 units, an increase of 158 over June. Contra Costa was next with 925 units, up 95 from the previous month. In San Mateo County, permits covered 867 units, an 180-unit advance over June. San Francisco issued permits for 218 units, less than half of the previous month's total, and Marin authorizations dropped 23 to total 213 for July. Solano County permits increased slightly to total 74 units for the month.

One family homes continued to make up the bulk of local house building and accounted for 83 per cent of all units started. Although the number of units in two or more family structures increased substantially over June, this was largely due to the publicly owned units started in San Francisco.

Nationally, July was the best homebuilding month in history, with construction started on 144,000 new units. July marked the third consecutive month in which starts reached or bettered the 140,000 unit mark and brought the total for the year to almost 839,000 units.

"Stop thief! should be the attitude of every law-abiding sportsman who sees the game hog at work in his nefarious practices."—Madera Tribune.

OCT. 4 LAST DAY FOR CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

(State Fed. Release)

C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, this week urged all affiliated unions intending to present resolutions to the 1950 convention, to observe the October 4 deadline for the reception of such documents.

The Federation convention will open this year on October 9 in Santa Barbara. The constitution requires that all union resolutions "shall be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer on or before the fifth day" immediately preceding the convening of the annual convention.

All resolutions to the 1950 convention must be placed with the Secretary by 5 p.m., Oct. 4.

Article V, Section 8, follows in full:

"Sec. 8. The President shall, one week before the date set for the meeting of the Federation, appoint a Committee on Resolutions consisting of not less than five members, and all resolutions shall be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer on or before the fifth day immediately preceding the convening of such convention for transmission to such committee; provided, however, that all resolutions proposed by state-wide conferences of organizations affiliated with the California State Federation of Labor held not less than three days prior to the convening of the convention may be filed up until 12:00 noon of the first day of said convention."

FALL'S A NICE SEASON, TOO. Those who mourn the departure of summer, and with it the bathing suits, may take cheer in observing movie actress Monica Lewis. Miss Lewis is getting ready for National Sweater Week, Sept. 25 to 30.—(LPA).



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FIGURES TELL TALE OF CLIMB IN NET PROFITS

This table, from the August 1 issue of The Wall Street Journal, shows how net profits (after taxes) have increased in April, May and June, 1950, compared with the same period in 1949:

Industry	Profit Increase
Aircraft	117
Autos and equipment	58
Building materials	79
Chemicals	70
Distillers	14
Drugs	24
Electrical and radio	60
Farm equipment	7
Floor coverings	152
Food products and baking	42
Iron and steel	58
Mining and metals	499
Office equipment	4
Petroleum products	17
Pulp and paper	68
Textiles	76
Tobacco	6
Tools and machinery	20
Other companies	34
Total 321 firms	47

NOTE: In two industries profits decreased. They went down 8 per cent in coal and 26 per cent in railway equipment.

Fined for Pollution

Walter G. Westman, vice president of the Bay Cities Transportation Company, has been fined \$500 in the court of Municipal Judge Charles Peery after pleading guilty to a charge that one of the firm's barges dumped sulphuric acid into San Francisco Bay.

The fish-killing acid was discovered by California Fish and Game Warden Willard Yuna.

The union is your best friend.

In Union Circles

Listen in every Friday night over Station KSBW for a report from George L. Rice, Democrat candidate for the State Assembly. Rice will interview some prominent person weekly and will speak very briefly on his candidacy. Rice is secretary of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders Union 483.

J. B. McGinley, business agent of Salinas Laborers Union 272, has been returned home from the hospital where he underwent an eye operation. McGinley was unable to have visitors at the hospital. He is expected to be confined to his home for some time.

Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, left last Friday on a deer hunting trip. He suggested that his friends get in line for their venison "hand-outs" upon his return, but warned that his last hunting trip was unsuccessful!

In Chicago last week was Peter A. Andrade, secretary of General Teamsters Union 890 of Monterey County. Andrade was attending an executive conference called by the Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Serving as office secretary in the Monterey office for General Teamsters Union 890 is Roselyn Wells, who succeeds Mildred Atnip in this capacity. Mildred is on vacation and will return to work in the union's Salinas office. Roselyn's pleasant manner has won her many friends already. Her husband is employed at Mission Creameries.

Is Your Car an Accident Seeking A Place to Happen?

Approximately one-third of all cars which were safety checked by Southern California new car dealers in the recent "Check Your Car, Check Accidents" campaign had some mechanical defects, Spencer T. Honig, president of the Motor Car Dealers Association of Southern California, said.

Lighting defects accounted for about half of this figure with tail light and stop light failures predominating, although many cars with partially burned out headlights were discovered.

Poor brakes, including faulty hand brakes, rated next with 13.8 per cent of the defective autos having inadequate stopping facilities.

Worn or defective windshield wipers accounted for 9.2 per cent of the unsafe items while 8.7 per cent of the horns needed repair.

Only 5.7 per cent of the defective items were tires which were deemed unsafe for further use.

Old Refrain Rendered By Quartet of Packers

Washington (LPA).—"Seems to me I've heard that song before," was the comment most frequently heard Sept. 7 and 8 at hearings of a Senate subcommittee investigating meat prices. The crack was first made when James D. Cooney, vice-president of Wilson & Co., told the committee that price controls aren't needed for meat, because the housewife herself keeps prices down by consumer resistance. Joining in the chorus were witnesses from Cudahy, Smith and Armour packing companies. Words and music were taken straight from the OPA hearings during the last war. You don't need any statistics, dear reader, to remind you what happened to meat prices last time, when OPA went off.

Johnny: "I fell in a mud puddle."

Mother: "What! With your new pants on?"

Johnny: "Yes, I fell so fast I didn't have a chance to take them off."

Attend union meetings!

FIRST AID WORKERS WANTED

Union members in the Salinas area are asked to enroll in First Aid Classes of the American Red Cross as a part of the AFL Disaster Committee. Interested persons may get enrollment cards from their unions or may fill out the form printed below and mail it to Alfred J. Clark, Secretary, Disaster Committee, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas:

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Martins Reports Recent Progress Of Building Body

Recent gains in organizing and contract problems were reported last weekend by John R. Martins, business agent of the Monterey County Building & Construction Trades Council.

Two international union representatives have been making surveys and conducting organizing campaigns with Martins in the county for the past few weeks. They are Frank Goudy, of the Roofers International union, and C. L. Casebolt, of the Operating Engineers, a representative of Local 3 for several Western states.

Both international men have made gains and have won new contracts and many new members, Martins said. Roofers Union 50 of this area has assigned Harry Foster, building council secretary, as business representative.

Carpenters Union 1179 of King City has expressed desire to return to the Building Trades Council, Martins reports. He added that he had been meeting with officials of Local 1179 on various problems.

The Kennedy Engineering Co. dispute is continuing Martins added. This firm has projects at Carmel and at Soledad and the dispute involves engineers.

Jurisdictional Matters Probed By Plumbers 62

Two separate jurisdictional problems are being studied carefully by Plumbers 62 and in both cases the union will enforce its rights to jurisdiction, if determined, according to William J. Zimmerman, new business agent of Local 62.

One jurisdictional matter has already been determined in favor of Local 62, Zimmerman said. This is the laying of tile in septic tank drainage fields. Zimmerman said that his investigation has shown that other union members have been laying this drainage tile but that he is checking all construction projects to make sure that only plumbers work on the drain tile henceforth. Plumbers also have the work of hooking up the septic tanks, he said.

In the other jurisdictional matter, the wrapping of pipe, Zimmerman said an official ruling from his international union has been asked. Meanwhile, the pipe wrapping for Valley Trenching Co. on a project at Carmel has not been halted, although more than one union has men on this work, he added.

Charges for sewer service in some American cities are based on the metered water used by the building, on a fixed percentage of the water bill, by fixed uniform rates, or on the number of plumbing fixtures.

"The American labor movement is not at war with society. It seeks to overthrow nothing. It is as loyal and devoted to the ideals of our Republic as any group or individual in all America can be."—Gompers.

Carp. District Council Meets, Procedure Set

Meeting in Salinas, the Monterey Bay Area District Council of Carpenters last week set up certain procedures for future functioning, delegates reported. Salinas Carpenters Union 925 was host to the meeting, held at Walker's Cafe.

It was agreed that the council's charter should be kept in Watsonville, centrally-located city in the council's jurisdictional area. It was specified that selection of Watsonville should in no way effect the elections of officers for the council. No two officers will be from the same union, it was agreed also.

Decision was reached on the number of delegates unions shall have in the council. There will be one delegate per union for the charter, plus one delegate for the first 250 members. A second delegate will be allowed for the second 250 members, it was agreed.

There was a lengthy discussion on by laws for the district council but no direct action, it was reported.

Next meeting will be held in King City, with Local 1279 as host, on Tuesday, September 26, in an effort to speed up details so that the application for a charter may be filed. The meeting will be held at King City Carpenters Hall, Third and Bassett streets, near the Post Office, delegates said.

Blue Rock Sold Again; Pact Held

Sale of the Blue Rock, a night spot just north of Salinas, was reported last week by Alfred J. Clark, secretary of Bartenders Union 545, who added that the union contract in the house was retained by the new operator.

The house was purchased by D. E. Young, long time a union member, and will be remodeled and reopened as Young's Corral, specializing in dinner parties with a western setting. Seller was Frank Wise, who had purchased the place a few months ago but who gave up plans for operation, Clark said.

Teachers Local 1020 Ceases to Exist

Sept. 1, 1950.

To All Persons Interested: We regret to announce that because of lack of membership the Salinas Federation of Teachers, Local 1020 of the American Federation of Teachers, ceases to exist effective this date.

FRED CLAYSON,
Secretary, AFT 1020
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BAKERS 24—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 72 N. Second St., San Jose; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Cecil L. Bradford, 896 Bellomy Ave., Santa Clara; phone AXminster 6-3625. Office: San Jose Labor Temple, phone CYpress 3-7537.

BARBERS 806—Meets 3rd Wednesday at Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., L. L. Taylor, 610 Lighthouse Pacific Grove; Sec., A. H. Thompson, 391 Prescott St., Monterey, phone 5-4745.

BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 3:15 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Bob Harrington; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Geo. L. Rice, P.O. Box 354, Carmel, phone 7-4149. Office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6734.

BRICK MASONS 16—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8:30 p.m. Pres., F. B. Hair, P.O. Box 254, Watsonville; Fin. Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, phone 5-6743; Rec. Sec., Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 5-3715; Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove; Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone Mont. 2-3002; Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, Office at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6744. Office hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Culinary Hall, at 8 p.m. Pres., Eddie Capon, 709 Eardley Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 5-6810; Exec. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Earl A. Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone CYpress 3-0253; Rec. Sec., R. R. Robinson, 66 Via Chular, Mont. 5-6436; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtwright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, CYpress 5-3849.

CALIF. BUILDING & CONSTR. TRADES COUNCIL—Pres., Frank A. Lawrence, Secy., Treas., Lee Lator. Main office, 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco 3, Underhill 3-0363. Monterey vice-pres., L. L. Long, 117 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR-C. I. Haggerty, Secretary and Legislative Representative, 402 Flood Bldg., 870 Market St., San Francisco 2, phone SUtter 1-2838. District Vice-Pres., Thomas A. Small, Office at 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo, phone Diamond 3-6984.

CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St. Pres., W. E. Booker, Res. 485 Spruce, Pacific Grove, phone 22975. Fin. Sec., R. A. Dalton, Res. 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 24314. Bus. Rep., Thomas Elide, office at Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St. Office phone, 5-6726; home phone, 2-3022.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (Monterey Peninsula)—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 7:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Pres., E. E. Winters, 381 Central Ave., phone 2-4035; Sec.-Treas., Andy Butrica, Res. 452 Hanna, phone Monterey 5-4055.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at Monterey Moose Hall, 8:00 p.m. Pres., D. B. Crow, 243 Pacific St., phone 3336; Fin. Sec., Andy Lazzer; Bus. Agt., Leroy Hastey, phone 4-4632.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wed., 117 Parajo, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. F. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-5993. Main office, 3004 16th St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-1135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Joseph Perry, 1 Lila Road, phone 5-4276. Sec., Roy Humbrecht, 122 18th St., Pacific Grove, phone 2-5164. Bus. Agt., Les Caveny, Box 215, Seaside, phone 2-4023. Headquarters: 320 Hoffman Ave., phone 2-4571.

FISHERMEN (Saline and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Sec. and Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 2-3713. Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 315 Alvarado St., 8 p.m. Pres., C. J. DeMent, Secy. and Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, P.O. Box 142, phone 2-0215. Office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Bengie, Hilby St., Monterey; Sec., Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson St., Salinas, phone 2-2906; Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, office 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-1603.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall; Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley, Pacific Grove, phone 5-6569; Sec., Doris Lake, 404 Park Ave., Pacific Grove.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday of each quarter, 2 p.m., Bartenders Hall. Pres., Don Snell, 161 Lighthouse; Bus. Agt., Lin Murray, 296 Alvarado St.; Sec., Don B. Forster, 140 Forest Ave., phone 5-6166.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Fred Ask, 230 Montecito Ave., phone 5-5864. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., J. L. Bolin, Box 892, Monterey, phone Monterey 2-5740. Office phone 5-6744.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT FINISHERS 337—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 315 Alvarado St. Pres., S. Bruno, 150 John St.; Sec., Jose D. Mondragon, 272 Paine St., phone 5-6670; Bus. Rep., S. M. Thomas, P.O. Box 142. Office, 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at Hawthorne & Prescott, at 8 p.m. Pres., Russell Sweetman, Res. 707 Fillmore, phone Monterey 2-5111. Sec. & Bus. Agent, W. J. Zimmerman, Box 1521 Carmel, phone 7-3345. Office phone 5-6744.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets every other month, Rm. 6, P. O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m. Room 6, P. O. Bldg. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G.; phone 2-5213; Sec., Dick Miller, 781 Prescott, phone 5-6292; Bus. Agent, Art Hamill, 1034 Hellam, phone 2-0420. (Mail address, Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey, Calif.)

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 106 Irving, Monterey, phone 5-3019; Sec. and Bus. Agent, Wm. Powell, 1027 Madrone St., Seaside, phone 21269.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Castroville and Watsonville. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opler, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

TEACHERS (Monterey County) 457—Meets on call. Fin. Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, phone 2-3622.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. at Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Geo. Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1215; Sec., Dave Green, P.O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray Burditt. Sec., Peter A. Andrade, 274 E. Alisal St.; Bus. Agt., Glenn Wilkerson, Office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 2-0124.

Paul G. Hoffman Lauds Free Labor

In a message of greetings on Labor Day, Paul G. Hoffman, ECA Administrator and former Los Angeles business man, stated as follows:

"On this Labor Day I wish to extend greetings to American Labor, and to the free trade unionists of Europe."

"The growing international cooperation among the free trade unionists of the world is an encouraging sign in these troubled days."

"I feel that such international cooperation, particularly the forming of the ICFTU (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions), will increasingly give strength against Communist aggression in the years to come."

"I wish also at this time to express my deep appreciation for the splendid cooperation which American labor and the noncommunist labor movements of Europe have given to the Marshall Plan. Much of what we have accomplished could not have been done without that help."

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SAFETY ON THE JOB WILL AID U. S. DEFENSE

Washington, D. C.—An intensified effort to reduce industrial accidents as a means of conserving manpower for national defense was urged upon management and labor by Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin.

"Our current high levels of production and employment means that we have a smaller reservoir of skilled and semi-skilled workers than when the defense effort of 1940 began," the Secretary said. "The drain on manpower will thus be felt more quickly in current defense production. It is imperative, therefore, that we do everything in our power to plug the leaks in productive time and effort that come from job injuries."

Tobin pointed out that activities of the Department of Labor devoted to promotion of safety are being intensified. These apply to safety training courses prepared and given State officials, safety programs for approximately 2½ million employees covered by Federal employee compensation laws, and inspections for safety and health in plants producing goods under contract with the Federal Government.

"The experience in World War II proves the need for a prompt and vigorous coordinated program of accident prevention which will utilize existing facilities and add to these where necessary," the Secretary said. "The great increase in accidents that came with preparation for World War II demonstrated the need for such a program now if we are to prevent such an upsurge again."

Tobin said the Nation now has "a firm foundation for a coordinated approach to safety in the existence of the President's Conference on Industrial Safety and the sound relationships that exist between the Federal and State departments of labor."

731 Geese Caught

The largest catch of Canada geese for banding in its 46-year history has been reported by the Jack Miner Bird Foundation of Ontario, Canada.

Of 731 geese trapped during a recent one-day period, 136 had been banded at least one year earlier, and 192 were leg-banded at the Miner Foundation this year. A total of 403 geese were given metal identification bands for the first time.

Electrical Injuries In Past 10 Years

By E. E. CARLTON

During 1940 to 1949, exposure to electrical installations and equipment in places of employment in California resulted in 4851 reported injuries, 380 fatal. In other words, one out of every 13 electrical injuries that required medical attention resulted in death.

This ratio is 50 times as high as that for all California work injuries requiring medical attention, reported for the year 1949. Of about 430,000 such injuries, 656 were fatal, for a ratio of one death to every 655 injuries.

These figures, compiled from reports of physicians, surgeons, insurance companies and employers operating under provisions of the California Workmen's Compensation Act, do not include either injuries to the public, or industrial injuries requiring first aid treatment only.

A study of these reports shows too many cases where inexperienced employees and novice electricians were either making electrical repairs or adjustments at the time they were injured, or were responsible for creating unsafe electrical conditions causing accident and injury to themselves or others.

Misapplication of electrical material and equipment is responsible for a large number of these accidents. Electrical cords, plugs and receptacles designed and intended for use in the home usually will not withstand the severe service encountered in a mill, factory or other industrial plant.

Injuries involving cords, plugs, receptacles and lampholders are mostly due to improper use or disrepair of the equipment, or both. To use a cord in wet locations or near grounded surfaces is definitely inviting trouble, if the cord is intended for use in dry locations where carpets, linoleum and hardwood floors provide insulating surfaces. Defective cords with bare spots or protruding strands should be not merely discarded but destroyed, or they may eventually find their way back into service. Rubber deteriorates and becomes brittle with age. Plugs break and expose live parts.

Motor branch-circuit disconnecting switches are intended for use when it is necessary to work on the motor or its control equipment, or to disconnect branch-circuit fuses so that the fuses may be safely removed. Too often these switches are used as motor control devices. And unless they are of the "motor circuit" or "horsepower rated" type they should not be used as motor control devices, especially for larger size motors. Switch ex-

Houston Prepares For AFL Conclave

Houston, Tex.—The biggest city in the biggest state rolled out the welcome mat for the nation's biggest labor convention—the 69th meeting of the American Federation of Labor.

Formal opening of the convention was set for 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 18.

A number of annual meetings of AFL affiliated bodies was scheduled to precede the convention.

These included the Metal Trades Department, Sept. 14; Union Label Trades Department, Sept. 16; International Labor Press of America, Sept. 16; Building Trades Department, Sept. 25.

The Metal Trades and Building Trades Departments changed their originally scheduled dates.

Speakers at the 39th annual convention of the Labor Press will be Assistant Secretary of Defense Paul Griffith, AFL President William Green, AFL Vice President Matthew Woll; George F. Smith, president Johnson and Johnson, New Brunswick, N. J., and Dr. Frederick C. Fowler, president All American Conference to Combat Communism.

plosions cause many painful injuries.

Persons contacting or bringing conducting material into contact with high voltage lines produce the greatest percentage of fatalities in California, as far as electrical work injuries are concerned. Contacting high voltage lines with mobile cranes, portable well drilling rigs, orchard spray rigs and other movable equipment caused one out of every three persons injured to lose his life. The extreme hazard of this type of accident resulted in an addition to the California Penal Code in September, 1947, making it a misdemeanor to operate, place, erect or move any tools, machinery, equipment, material, building or structure within six feet (6') of high voltage conductors. Widespread publicity and education on the subject, and warning to operators working in the vicinity of high voltage lines, have helped to cut down injuries and fatalities, but the figures are still high.

Most of those injured while using portable tools suffered severe electric shock, with many rendered unconscious. The necessity for the proper grounding and careful maintenance of portable electric tools and associated wiring is plain.

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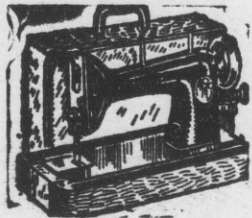
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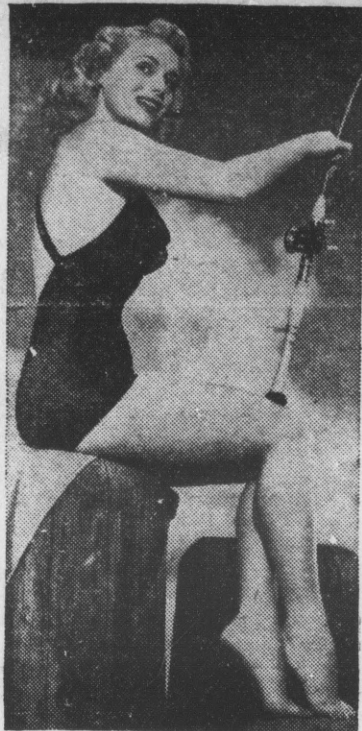
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**GOT YOU REELING?** Marie Wilson, starring in Paramount's, "My Friend Irma Goes West," shows what they mean by the age old advice, "Go West, young man."**Will Modernize U.S. Price Index**

Washington, D. C.—The U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics has announced the beginning of a 15-month program of special studies of retail prices. This expansion in the Bureau's pricing program is a necessary step in the revision of the Consumers' Price Index, authorized by Congress last year.

The index is being revised so that it will be an up-to-date measure of changes in prices of the goods and services that people buy, and will serve better to measure the price effects of the defense program after the outbreak of the Korean conflict. Committees representing business and labor throughout the Nation advised the Bureau in planning these studies. One study, which will help in determining which individual goods and services shall be included in the final index, will cover about 400 items not currently included. Another study, designed to learn what kinds of stores and what sections of a city must be represented to measure price changes accurately, began in Chicago early in September and may be extended to two smaller cities later in the year. A third study will serve as a basis for determining which cities should be included in the revised index to represent all urban centers. The accuracy and efficiency of price collection methods and procedures will also be studied during the 15-month period.

One of the world's most widely used statistical tools, the Consumers' Price Index measures changes in the purchasing power of the urban consumer's dollar. It measures changes from month to month in prices of goods and services bought by moderate-income families in large U. S. cities. Among its many uses, the CPI plays an important part in wage negotiations by management and labor, in policy making by Federal, State and local governments, in establishing allowances by welfare agencies and other institutions, and in contract agreements of many kinds.

Tobin Hits Trick "Peace Petition"

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin has asked the cooperation of all State governors in alerting Americans to the trickery of the so-called Stockholm Resolution, or "peace petition," now being circulated by puppets of the Moscow Government.

In letters to the governors, the Secretary said: "The United States Government is making a special effort to inform all segments of the American people about the fraudulent peace petition being promoted by the international Communists."

"I invite your cooperation in exposing the true nature of this campaign."

The resolution was first adopted by the Communist-controlled World Congress of Partisans of Peace at Stockholm on March 19 this year and has since been plugged by international Communists as a "peace plea" directed to "all men of good will throughout the world."

The petition calls for the prohibition of atomic weapons, "strict international control" of the atom bomb, and condemnation of the first government to use atomic weapons as a war criminal.

Tobin, as well as other U. S. Government officials, has condemned the petition as an attempt to appeal to genuine sentiment for peace while diverting attention from Soviet aggressive policies.

The Department of State, headed by Sec. Dean Acheson, points out that the Kremlin's chief aims in non-Communist areas are to accomplish the following:

1. To nullify the defensive value of United States superiority in atomic weapons both to the United States and its allies by making any use of the atom weapon seem morally indefensible.
2. To weaken the support of people in non-Communist countries for their national governments, by creating doubts concerning the wisdom of the current foreign policy of the United States and its allies.
3. To lure non-Communist peoples into seeming support of Soviet policy, by making them appear to back the USSR in its self-appointed role of the real champion of world peace.
4. To trick non-Communist peoples into abetting Communist efforts to sabotage the Western security measures.
5. To raise doubts among the American people of the reliability of the populations of its allies in the event of war.
6. To identify aggression with use of the atom bomb and minimize public condemnation of aggression by other means; that is, the invasion of the Republic of Korea by troops of the puppet regime of North Korea.

A report issued by the State Department points out that the trap set in the Stockholm Resolution is apparent: the resolution proposes a "control" which would be no control at all.

"The United Nations has been tackling the problem of how to achieve security against the destructiveness of the atom bomb for the past four years," the State Department report reads.

"All of the member nations except the Soviet Union and its satellites agree on the essentials for effective control. Because the material that generates atomic power, even for peaceful purposes, can in a matter of hours be put into a piece of machinery that converts it into an atom bomb, it is necessary to have some international agency, in which all nations will have confidence, in control of atomic materials from the time the minerals are first extracted from the earth until the last unit of energy has been expended."

"Mere promises will not suffice. The Soviet record is one of broken promises. It must be assumed that they would be broken in the future, especially since to break them would serve the imperialistic ambitions of Communist Russia. Control by an international agency over all atomic production is the

only guarantee of security. All the United Nations members except the Soviet bloc have voted in favor of this course; the Soviet and its satellites alone have blocked it."

Plasterers Hear Apprentice Needs

St. Louis, Mo.—The defense effort is going to "multiply many of the problems" of apprentice training in the construction industry, delegates to the 34th Convention of the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Finishers' International Association were told here this week.

Explaining apprenticeship's part in the defense program, Director W. F. Patterson of the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Apprenticeship said that additional effort on the part of the members of the construction industry would be necessary if they hoped to "preserve the high level of their craft skills."

Patterson went on to explain that much of the "leg work" previously done by the staff of the Bureau of Apprenticeship to aid in establishing apprentice training programs in construction trades now would have to be redirected to crafts needing immediate expansion in light of the national defense program.

Warning that the needs of the military perhaps would draw heavily on members of the construction crafts for manpower and that the future supply of youth for apprenticeship would not be so plentiful because of selective service, Patterson called upon 3,239 local joint construction industry apprenticeship committees, made up of 20,000 volunteer representatives of labor and management, to increase their activities and concentrate on the expansion of facilities for training.

Honored at the convention were the recently appointed labor members of the National Joint Cement Finishing Apprenticeship Committee. These members, John J. Hauck, first vice president, OP & CFIA, Philadelphia; John J. Brennan, vice president, OP & CFIA, New York; and Anthony F. Giordano, vice president, OP & CFIA, Pittsburgh, were presented with certificates of appointment by Patterson, on behalf of the Secretary of Labor. At the presentation, Patterson said, "I wish you every success in your difficult job. The craftsmen of the future will be evidence of your success."

Fire Fighters Study Civil Defense Plans

Milwaukee, Wis.—The 20th convention of the AFL International Association of Fire Fighters weighed a resolution advocating strengthening a civilian defense organizations of the nation.

President John P. Redmond opened the convention attended by more than 600 delegates, largest gathering in history for the organization.

Included in the 56 resolutions before the sessions were calls for monthly per capita tax increase of 5 cents, first since 1928; investigation of possibility of establishment of national home for retired fire fighters, strengthening of civilian defense organizations of nation, and standardization of wage levels of fire fighters.

Organizational meetings of national ladies auxiliary were held under chairmanship of Mrs. Lillian Howard, widow of former member. Social events included a dance, visits to some of Milwaukee's leading manufacturing plants, lake boat trip, ladies fashion luncheon and convention banquet.

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